Introduction

Postage stamps and related objects are miniature communication tools, and they tell a story about cultural and political identities and about artistic forms of identity expressions. They are part of the world’s material heritage, and part of history. Ever more of this postal heritage becomes available online, published by stamp collectors’ organizations, auction houses, commercial stamp shops, online catalogues, and individual collectors. Virtually collecting postage stamps and postal history has recently become a possibility. These working papers about Africa are examples of what can be done. But they are work-in-progress! Everyone who would like to contribute, by sending corrections, additions, and new area studies can do so by sending an email message to the APH editor: Ton Dietz (dietzaj@asc.leidenuniv.nl). You are welcome!

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Part 3: French colonial postal services in Mauritania 1940-1960

1940, Airmail

http://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/v/mvp0122.jpg

1940, AOF Mauritania, variety

http://www.stampauctioncentral.com/f/114/1247.jpg
1940 Postmark Rosso

http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/347/071/447_001.jpg

Idem
1941, French Colonies

1941, National aid, start of so-called Vichy stamps, which were printed in France and hardly ever reached Mauritania to be used for postal purposes.
1941, Marshall Petain

http://kayatana.com/images/MAR1942-124e-s1-1.70-UM.jpg

http://kayatana.com/images/MAR1942-124f-s1-0.65-UM.jpg

1942. Children’s aid and Charity week


April 1942, censured letter from Port Etienne to Marseille
1942, Airmail
http://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/v/mvp0140.jpg

1943, Regular stamps, without "RF".
1944, Postmark Atar

1944, Colonial aid
http://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/v/mvp0154.jpg

1944, Overprinted

http://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/v/mvp0156.jpg

Same stamps, used
Between 1945 and 1959 Postage Stamps of French West Africa were used in Mauritania, but older stamps were allowed as well.
1946, postmark Atar

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http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/348/114/747_001.jpg

1946 Postmark Aleg
1946 Postmark Kiffa
1946 Postmark Kaedi
1946 Postmark Moudjeria
1946, Postmark Port Etienne

http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/357/811/224_001.jpg
1946, postmark Rosso
Idem

1946, Postmark Atar on postage stamp of AOF

http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/347/073/807_001.jpg

http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/251/796/424_001.jpg

http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/346/909/324_001.jpg
1947, First ever visit of a French President to Africa, postage stamps from Mauritania, with postmarks from Dakar and St Louis in Senegal

1947, Postmark **Timbreda**, with postage stamps of Marshall Petain of Vichy France
1947, postmark **Moudjeria**, with airmail stamps to USA

1947, Postmark **Fort Gouraud** (currently F’derîck, in NW Mauritania).
1948, Kaedi postmark

http://www.histoire-et-philatlie.fr/images/005_decolonisation/04_union_francaise/1er_circuit_aeropostal_48.jpg

1950, Postmark Nema with French FM stamp

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http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/217/720/986_001.jpg

1952, Postmark **Port Etienne**, with French FM stamp
1952, Postmark **Aioun El Atrouss** en Mauritanie

1953, Postmark **Boutilimit**
http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/342/883/957_001.jpg

Idem

http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/209/986/031_001.jpg

1956, postmark **Fort Gouraud**, to Lyon, using French FM stamp
1957, Postmark Akjoudj, to Lyon, using French FM stamp

1958, sent from Port Etienne
http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/352/460/111_001.jpg?v=1

1959, Postmark **Fort Gouraud**, French postage stamp FM
1959, Postmark Selibaby

1960, Postmark Rosso with French postage stamp FM